

STATE OF NEVADA

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY DIVISION OF MORTGAGE LENDING

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In re:

MDE CAPITAL and JAMES MASON,

Respondents.

FINAL ORDER

The State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Division of Mortgage Lending (hereinafter, the "DIVISION"), having served the Respondents, MDE CAPITAL and JAMES MASON, (hereinafter, "RESPONDENT") on May 1, 2009, with its Order to Cease and Desist, Notice of Intent to Impose Fine and Notice of Right to Request Hearing, attached hereto as Exhibit "1" and incorporated herein by reference, which notified Respondents that a final order would issue in this matter unless, within twenty (20) days of entry and receipt of said Order, Respondents requested a hearing to contest the charges against it, with said request to be made in writing, and;

Said Order having been sent to Respondents via certified mail and regular mail, and received by RESPONDENT on May 14, 2009, and;

RESPONDENT having failed to request a hearing in this matter, and good cause appearing:

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NOW, THEREFORE, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, pursuant to NRS 645B.670 and NRS 645B.690, Respondents shall immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** all unlicensed mortgage broker, banker, or agent activity in the State of Nevada. In addition, Respondents will be subject to the administrative fines, fees and/or costs as set forth in the original Order attached hereto as Exhibit "1".

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the sum of said administrative fines, fees and/or costs be paid in full within thirty (30) days of entry of the instant Order;

Dated this $\frac{\int 57}{}$ day of June, 2009.

STATE OF NEVADA

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

DIVISION OF MORTGAGE LENDING

By: / Joseph L. Waltuch, COMMISSIONER

EXHIBIT "1"

STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY DIVISION OF MORTGAGE LENDING

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In re:

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Respondents.

ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPOSE FINES AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST HEARING

The licensing and regulation of mortgage bankers in the State of Nevada is governed by Chapter 645E of the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and Chapter 645E of the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC"). The licensing and regulation of mortgage brokers and mortgage agents in the State of Nevada is governed by Chapter 645B of NRS and Chapter 645B of NAC. The State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Division of Mortgage Lending ("the Division") has the general duty to exercise supervision and control over mortgage bankers, mortgage brokers and mortgage agents, as well as mortgage banker, mortgage broker and mortgage agent activity. <u>See</u>, NRS 645E.300, NRS 645E.620, NRS 645B.660, NRS 645B.670 and NRS 645B.690. Pursuant to that authority, the Division makes the following Factual Allegations, Violations of Law, and Order, as follows:

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1. Based upon information and belief, Respondent MDE Capital is a limited liability company with an office located at 1985 Highway 34, Building A, No. A2, Wall, New Jersey 07719.
- 2. MDE Capital has never been issued a mortgage banker or mortgage broker license by the Division pursuant to Chapter 645E or Chapter 645B of NRS.
 - 3. Based upon information and belief, from January 2004 to the present, Respondent

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James Mason ("Mason") is, and has been, the president of MDE Capital and, at relevant times herein mentioned, acted as a mortgage agent affiliated with, or employed by, MDE Capital.

- 4. Mason has never been issued a mortgage banker, mortgage broker or mortgage agent license by the Division pursuant to Chapter 645E or Chapter 645B of NRS.
- 5. The Division has never licensed MDE Capital to conduct mortgage banking or mortgage broker activity in the State of Nevada out of its office located at 3 Bradford Terrace, Middletown, New Jersey 07748 (Unlicensed New Jersey Office").
- 6. Based upon information and belief, at relevant times herein mentioned, Donald Ross ("Ross") was a resident of Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 7. Based upon information and belief, at relevant times herein mentioned, Randolph Wetcher ("Wetcher") and Dominic Alleva ("Alleva") were the owners of certain real property located at 7178 Cloud View Circle, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 ("the Property").
- 8. On approximately January 3, 2008, the Division received a written complaint ("Ross Complaint") from Ross concerning MDE Capital and Mason, alleging, among other things, that:
- a. A real estate agent whom Ross had contacted to purchase a house suggested that Ross contact MDE Capital for a loan;
- b. The real estate agent informed Ross that MDE Capital was licensed to do business in Las Vegas;
- c. In an e-mail on October 19, 2007, Mason instructed Ross to send a check in the amount of 1% which the lender required upfront instead of at closing in order to lock a rate and draw loan documents;
- d. Pursuant to Mason's instruction, Ross made out a check payable to MDE Capital in the amount of \$1,833.00;

- e. In late November 2007, Ross' application for a loan was denied and Ross left Mason a voice mail message reminding him to return his money; and
- f. In an e-mail on December 10, 2007, Mason informed Ross that the subject refund had been processed and Ross would receive it by the following week.
- 9. In his written response to the Ross Complaint on January 29, 2008, Mason stated that "(a)II monies have been returned from the bank to Mr. Donald Ross." Further, Mason stated that "MDE Capital does NOT solicit mortgages in Nevada. MDE Capital is a consulting and real estate company...."
- 10. On approximately January 16, 2008, the Division received a written complaint from Wetcher and Alleva ("Wetcher/Alleva Complaint") concerning MDE Capital and Mason, alleging, among other things, that:
- a. In mid-October 2007, a licensed real estate agent in Las Vegas referred Wetcher and Alleva to Mason to refinance the Property;
- b. The real estate agent indicated to Wetcher and Alleva that Mason would be able to "take care" of them even though Mason was conducting all business from New Jersey;
- c. After reviewing Wetcher's and Alleva's current mortgage, Mason said that he would be able to refinance the Property, to a lower interest rate, and it would save Wetcher and Alleva a considerable amount on their monthly payment;
- d. At the commencement of the refinance process, Mason told Wetcher and Alleva that he required a 1% deposit check to lock in the loan while the application was being processed and that the deposit money would be used for closing costs;
- e. On October 18, 2007, pursuant to Mason's request, Wetcher and Alleva sent a \$3,150.00 check payable to MDE Capital in New Jersey and on October 25, 2007, Mason cashed the check;
 - f. In December 2007, Mason indicated to Wetcher and Alleva that he could not

close the loan and some bank had their deposit money, but if he did get their money back, he would attach a \$500.00 processing fee; and

- g. After Wetcher and Alleva repeatedly asked Mason for their deposit money back, at the end of December 2007, Mason said that the bank sent a check to him, but because the check was made payable to him, Mason had to deposit the check into his account and would send Wetcher and Alleva their deposit minus \$500.00 that the bank was withholding for an audit.
- 11. Pursuant to NRS 645E.300 and NRS 645B.060, the Division is charged with conducting such investigations as may be necessary to determine whether any person has violated any provision of Chapter 645E or Chapter 645B of NRS, a regulation adopted pursuant thereto or an order of the Commissioner. <u>See</u>, NRS 645E.300(2)(c) and NRS 645B.060(2)(c).
- 12. Pursuant to NRS 645E.300 and NRS 645B.060, the Division is further charged with conducting "...such other investigations, periodic or special audits, investigations and hearings as may be necessary for the efficient administration of the laws of this State..." regarding mortgage bankers, mortgage brokers and mortgage agents. <u>See</u>, NRS 645E.300(2)(e) and NRS 645B.060(2)(e).
- 13. Pursuant to NRS 645E.620 and NRS 645B.620, whether or not a complaint has been filed, the Division may investigate a mortgage banker, mortgage broker, mortgage agent or other person if, for any reason, it appears that the mortgage banker, mortgage broker, mortgage agent or other person is conducting business in violation of any provision of Chapter 645E or Chapter 645B of NRS, a regulation adopted pursuant thereto or an order of the Commissioner; the person is offering or providing any of the services of a mortgage banker, mortgage broker or mortgage agent or otherwise engaging in, carrying on or holding himself out as engaging in or carrying on the business of a mortgage banker, mortgage

broker or mortgage agent without being licensed or exempt from licensing pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 645E or Chapter 645B of NRS; or the person is violating any other provision of Chapter 645E or Chapter 645B of NRS, a regulation adopted pursuant thereto or an order of the Commissioner. <u>See</u>, NRS 645E.620(1)(a), (b), (c) and NRS 645B.620(1)(a), (b), (c).

- 14. Pursuant to NRS 645E.900 and NRS 645B.900, unless a person is exempt from Chapter 645E or Chapter 645B of NRS and complies with exemption requirements, it is unlawful for any person to offer or provide any of the services of a mortgage banker, mortgage broker or mortgage agent or otherwise to engage in, carry on or hold himself out as engaging in or carrying on the business of a mortgage banker, mortgage broker or mortgage agent without first obtaining a license as a mortgage banker, mortgage broker or mortgage agent pursuant to Chapter 645E or Chapter 645B of NRS.
- 15. After receiving the Ross Complaint and the Wetcher/Alleva Complaint regarding MDE Capital and Mason, the Division conducted an investigation of the allegations in question. This investigation revealed, among other things, that:
- a. MDE Capital has never been licensed by the Division to conduct mortgage banker or mortgage broker activity in the State of Nevada pursuant to Chapter 645E or Chapter 645B of NRS;
- b. Mason has never been licensed by the Division to conduct mortgage banker, mortgage broker or mortgage agent activity in the State of Nevada pursuant to Chapter 645E or Chapter 645B of NRS;
- c. From approximately October 2007 through mid-January 2008, MDE Capital, through Mason, offered or provided services of a mortgage banker, mortgage broker or mortgage agent in the State of Nevada from MDE Capital's Unlicensed New Jersey Office, including reviewing loan documents, discussing loan terms and loan products, requiring and

receiving rate lock fees upfront and locking rates;

- d. At the time of offering or providing the above-referenced services of a mortgage banker, mortgage broker or mortgage agent, MDE Capital and Mason were neither licensed by the Division as a mortgage banker, mortgage broker or mortgage agent nor exempt from licensing pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 645E or Chapter 645B of NRS;
- e. MDE Capital returned Ross' deposit money after the Ross Complaint was received by the Division; and
- f. On February 28, 2008, Alleva confirmed to the Division that he had received his deposit money back from MDE Capital/Mason.
- 16. Pursuant to NAC 645E.510 and NAC 645B.340, if a person engages in an activity in violation of the provisions of Chapter 645E of NAC, Chapter 645E of NRS, Chapter 645B of NAC or Chapter 645B of NRS, the Commissioner may issue an order to the person directing the person to cease and desist from engaging in the activity. *See,* NAC 645E.510(1) and NAC 645B.340(1).
- 17. Pursuant to NRS 645E.670 and NRS 645B.670, for each violation committed by an applicant, whether or not he is issued a license, the Commissioner may impose an administrative fine of not more than \$10,000 if he has violated any provision of Chapter 645E or Chapter 645B of NRS, a regulation adopted pursuant thereto or an order of the Commissioner. <u>See</u>, NRS 645E.670(1)(c) and NRS 645B.670(1)(c).

VIOLATIONS OF LAW

After investigating this matter, it has been determined that:

a. From approximately October 2007 to mid-January 2008, MDE Capital offered or provided services of a mortgage banker or mortgage broker out of its Unlicensed New Jersey Office and otherwise engaged in, carried on or held itself out as engaging in or carrying on the business of a mortgage banker or mortgage broker without first obtaining a

mortgage banker or mortgage broker license, pursuant to Chapter 645E or Chapter 645B of NRS, in violation of NRS 645E.900 or NRS 645B.900;

- b. From approximately October 2007 to mid-January 2008, Mason offered or provided services of a mortgage banker, mortgage broker or mortgage agent out of MDE Capital's Unlicensed New Jersey Office and otherwise engaged in, carried on or held himself out as engaging in or carrying on the business of a mortgage banker, mortgage broker or mortgage agent without first obtaining a mortgage banker, mortgage broker or mortgage agent license, pursuant to Chapter 645E or Chapter 645B of NRS, in violation of NRS 645E.900 or NRS 645B.900; and
- c. MDE Capital and Mason violated provisions of Chapter 645E or Chapter 645B of NRS and regulations adopted pursuant thereto (including NRS 645E.900 or NRS 645B.900).

<u>ORDER</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DIVISION HEREBY ORDERS, pursuant to NRS 622.080 and NAC 645E.510 or NAC 645B.340, after having determined that MDE Capital and Mason offered or provided services of a mortgage banker, mortgage broker or mortgage agent for which they had not received a license or a certificate of exemption out of MDE Capital's Unlicensed New Jersey Office, in violation of Chapter 645E or Chapter 645B of NRS, that MDE CAPITAL AND MASON IMMEDIATELY CEASE AND DESIST from the following activities:

1. Offering or providing any of the services of a mortgage banker, mortgage broker or mortgage agent for which they have not received a license or a certificate of exemption from the Division, or otherwise engaging in, carrying on or holding itself/himself out as engaging in or carrying on the business of a mortgage banker, mortgage broker or mortgage agent out of an office which has not been licensed by the Division;

- 2. Advertising for and/or soliciting mortgage banker, mortgage broker or mortgage agent business without having first received a license or a certificate of exemption from the Division; and
- 3. Advertising for and/or soliciting mortgage banker, mortgage broker or mortgage agent business out of an office which has not been licensed by the Division.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to NAC 645E.510(4) or NAC 645B.340(4), that upon filing a verified petition with the Division within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order to Cease and Desist, MDE Capital and/or Mason shall be entitled to a hearing with regard to the contents of this Order to Cease and Desist. MDE Capital and/or Mason is/are advised, however, that the provisions of this Order to Cease and Desist are effective immediately upon MDE Capital and/or Mason being served therewith, whether or not MDE Capital and/or Mason request(s) a hearing.

NOTICE TO MDE CAPITAL AND MASON: If you request a hearing, you are specifically informed that you have the right to appear and be heard in your defense, either personally or through your counsel of choice at your own expense. At the hearing, if one is timely requested, the Division will call witnesses and present evidence against you. You have the right to respond and to present relevant evidence and argument on all issues involved. You have the right to call and examine witnesses, introduce exhibits and cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues involved.

If the Division prevails at any hearing, it may request that attorney's fees and costs be awarded pursuant to NRS 622.400.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to NRS 645E.750 or NRS 645B.750, that upon written application to the Division within twenty (20) days of the date of this Order, MDE Capital and/or Mason shall be entitled to a hearing with regards to the contents of this Order referenced below. At that hearing the Division will seek to:

1. Impose an administrative fine against MDE Capital and Mason, each in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00), payable to the Division on account of MDE Capital's and Mason's multiple violations of Chapter 645E or Chapter 645B of NRS, the Division's investigative costs in the amount of Four Hundred Eighty Dollars and No Cents (\$480.00) as well as the Division's attorney's fees, if any, incurred herein, each to be proven at the hearing;

- 2. Require MDE Capital's payment, in full, to the Division of the administrative fine against MDE Capital in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) within thirty (30) days of entry of the Final Order;
- 3. Require Mason's payment, in full, to the Division of the administrative fine against Mason in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) within thirty (30) days of entry of the Final Order;
- 4. Require payment, in full, to the Division of the Division's investigative costs as well as the Division's attorney's fees, if any, by MDE Capital and/or Mason, who shall be jointly and severally liable, within thirty (30) days of entry of the Final Order.

Should MDE Capital and/or Mason not request a hearing within twenty (20) days of the date of this Order, the Division will enter a Final Order in this matter against MDE Capital and Mason, as required by NRS 645E.750(2) or NRS 645B.750(2).

Dated this / day of May, 2009.

STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY **DIVISION OF MORTGAGE LENDING**

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

1 2 3 I certify that I am an employee of the State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, 4 Division of Mortgage Lending, and that on May 5, 2009, I deposited in the U.S. mail, postage 5 prepaid via First Class Mail and Certified Return Receipt Requested, a true and correct copy of 6 the foregoing, ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPOSE 7 FINES AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST HEARING for MDE CAPITAL and JAMES 8 MASON, addressed as follows: 9 10 **MDE** Capital 11 1985 Highway 34, Bldg. A No A2 12 Wall, NJ 07719 13 14 Certified Receipt Number: 7006 2760 0000 0875 9667 15 16 James Mason 3 Bradford Terrace 17 Middletown, NJ 07748 18 19 Certified Receipt Number: 7006 2760 0000 0875 9674 20 21 22 DATED this 4th day of May, 2009 23 24

By:

Employed of the Division

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1	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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3	I certify that I am an employee of the State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry,
4	Division of Mortgage Lending, and that on June 3, 2009, I deposited in the U.S. mail, postage
5 6	prepaid via First Class Mail and Certified Return Receipt Requested a true and correct courses
7	the foregoing, FINAL ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST AND IMPOSING FINE for MDE
8	CAPITAL & JAMES MASON, addressed as follows:
9	MDE Capital 1985 Highway 34, Bldg. A
10	No. A2
11	Wall, NJ 07719
12	Certified Receipt Number: 7006 2760 0000 0875 9742
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14	James Mason
	3 Bradford Terrace
15	Middleton, NJ 07748
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18	Certified Receipt Number: 7006 2760 0000 0875 9711
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22	DATED this 2 nd day of June, 2009
23	day of June, 2009
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26	Employee of the Division
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